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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

2006

NOW, DON'T THESE TWO LOOK LIKE A COUPLE OF WILD MARCH HARES? TROUBLE ON THE HOOF, I TELL YOU!

Kermit, W6JFN, and John, W6TWQ, at Field Day at Camp Via.

PRESIDENT'S QTC FOR VOMARC

VOMARC members,

Winter has given us its last splat of nasty weather. Let's hope for fairer weather this month.

My Father passed away on 21st February at 90 yrs. I only mention this here as a reminder of how our parents have had influence in our lives. My father supported me, in my youth when I wanted to put up a multi-band vertical on the roof of his

house and string wire on poles across the yard for antennas. He now rests with my mother, his wife of 59 years.

This month our guest speaker will be Emily Clarke, W0EEC, the west coast representative of AMSAT. She will bring us the update on SuitSat, EAGLE, and other news concerning amateur satellites.

See you at the Fire Station 15th of March.

73's, DAN, KG6LJN

COME JOIN THE FUN
120 mile Baker to Vegas Relay Race for Law Enforcement Teams April 1 and 2

The Sonoma County Sheriffs Department is participating in the Baker to Vegas running race (www.bakervegas.com) and has asked VOMARC to help with communications during the race. Jim Hill has gallantly volunteered to lead the VOMARC Team. We currently have three other volunteers and are looking for more people.

Jim and the team are building radio boxes with APRS tracking beacons using Tiny Trackers (byonics.com) and communications radios. The race is on roads through the desert from Baker California to Las Vegas and there is very limited cell phone service in the area.

A group of hams from Fremont (www.baker2vegas.com), that support the Fremont Police Department, have set up a temporary repeater network to provide communications and tracking for the Fremont PD. They have graciously allowed the Sonoma Sheriffs' Department team to piggyback on their system. Ron came up from Fremont and spoke to the VOMARC meeting in November 2005 about the project.

The Sonoma County Team will have 5 vehicles that will be tracked, 4 to shuttle runners to one of the twenty drop off points and one to shadow the runner at all times. It should be a good learning experience and we hope to have some trackers and portable radio units set up to use for future events.

For more information on the trackers go to www.baker2vegas or the race www.bakervgas.com.

Come join the fun.

2006 CALENDER

The following listing gives the dates of VOMARC meetings, activities and other events of interest to our members.

March 15, meeting, Sonoma Fire Department.
March, Saturday license class. Date to be set later.

April 1, club breakfast at Izza's.
April 19, meeting Sonoma Developmental Center

April 29, Ham Fest, VE session, Sonoma Vet's Building.

May 6, club breakfast, Izza's, and Elmer Saturday
May 17, meeting Sonoma Fire Department.

June 2-4, Redwood Coast Convention, Ferndale
June 3, club breakfast, Izza's.
June 10-12, ARRL VHF QSO Party
June 21, meeting Sonoma Developmental Center
June 24th & 25th, Field Day.

July 1, club breakfast, Izza's
July 4, Fourth of July Parade, info at future meetings
July 19, 2006, meeting Sonoma Fire Department

August 5, club breakfast, Izza's. Elmer Sat.
August, 16, meeting Picnic, probably Sonoma Police Department
August 19, VE session, SDC

Sept 2, club breakfast, Izza's
September 9-11, ARRL VHF QSO party
Sept 11, contest, more info at future meetings
September 20, meeting, Sonoma Developmental Center
September 23? Vintage Festival Parade, more info later.

October 7, club breakfast, Izza's.
October 18, meeting, Sonoma Fire Department
October 13-15, Pacificon Hamvention, San Ramon
October license upgrade classes, more info and date later.

November 4, breakfast, Izza's. Elmer Sat
November 4-6, ARRL CW Sweepstakes
November 15, meeting Sonoma Developmental Center
November 18, VE session, SDC
November 18-20, ARRL Phone Sweepstakes

December 2, breakfast, Izza's.
December 13, VOMARC holiday dinner and installation of officers.

VOMARC MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by our Honorable President, Dan Sorrick, KG6LJN

Treasurer’s Report:
Yes, there is STILL money in the bank.

The meeting was adjourned when the riot squad arrived. No VOMARC members required hospitalization. Some needed bail.

SALE PAGES

For sale 2m hi gain commercial antenna cut to amateur frequency's, about 15 ft long. Originally sold by Phelps-Dodge. Currently owned by Celwave as a Super Station Master $10 Jan K9OOU 935-3494

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, and the Sonoma Fire Station, 630 2nd Street West, Sonoma. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE:
http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is on 144.910 as “SNV1EC”. “SNVGW” can be used as a gateway digipeating on 223.66 MHz. The node name is “SNVND”.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa’s Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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NOTICE!!! THE FEBRUARY VOMARC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE SONOMA FIRE STATION, 630 STREET WEST, SONOMA CU THERE!

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2006 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Ken N6KM, 402 Fourth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**